

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace lines 1-5 on page 20 with the following:

(3) In a further variant, as illustrated in **Figures 1, 2, 4, 5** and **8**, the activating protrusion **50, 55** further includes holes **75**, loops ~~(not shown)~~ **77** or hooks ~~(not shown)~~ **79** for removable engagement of the means **70** for holding open the end seals **35, 40**.

(4) In still a further variant, the first **35** and second **40** end seals include holes **80**, loops ~~(not shown)~~ **77** or hooks ~~(not shown)~~ **79** for attachment to the first elastic member **45**.

Please replace lines 3-7 on page 24 with the following:

(27) In yet another variant, the activating protrusion **205, 210** include holes **75**, loops ~~(not shown)~~ **77** or hooks ~~(not shown)~~ **79** for removable engagement of the movable attachment member **205, 210**.

(28) In a further variant, the first **35** and second **40** end seals include holes **80**, loops ~~(not shown)~~ **77** and hooks ~~(not shown)~~ **79** for attachment to the first elastic member **45**.

Please replace lines 12-18 on page 19 with the following:

Figures 1, 2, 4, [5] 6 and **8** illustrate a dual-opening sample container **10** that can be fabricated from the following components. A body **15** is provided. The body **15** is formed of substantially rigid, fluid impermeable material and has a hollow cavity **20** in communication with first **25** and second **30** open ends. First **35** and second **40** end seals are provided. The end seals **35, 40** are sized and shaped to fit sealably the first **25** and second **30** open ends. A first elastic member **45** is provided. The first elastic member **45** urges the first **35** and second **40** end seals to removably close the first **25** and second **30** open ends.

Please replace lines 19-23 on page 19 with the following:

(2) In a variant of the invention, as illustrated in **Figures 3 and 4**, first **50** and second **55** activating protrusions are provided. Each of the activating protrusions **50, 55** extends

outwardly from outer ends **60, 65** of the first **35** and second **40** end seals. The protrusions **50, 55** are sized, shaped, and located to removably engage means **70** for holding open the end seals **35, 40**.

Please add the following after line 7 on page 18:

Figure 2B is a side elevational view of the **Figure 1** embodiment, illustrating an activating protrusion comprising a loop;

Figure 2C is a side elevational view of the **Figure 1** embodiment, illustrating an activating protrusion comprising a hook;